Sale of Toddy.

78. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*): With reference to the statement on page 19 of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for 1110 that the toddy yielded from the licensed trees is estimated at 10,178,070 gallons (ten millions one hundred and seventy-eight thousand and seventy), will the Government be pleased to state the total sale price of this toddy ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The total price of 10,178,070 gallons of toddy will amount to Rs. 65,43,045 calculated on the basis of 18 chs. per Imperial gallon, the minimum price fixed in the notice of sale of toddy shops.

Export of Cocoanuts.

79. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of cocoanuts exported through the Quilon and Kundara Railway customs in 1110 and 1111 ; and

(*b*) the duty realised for the same at these customs houses in each of these years ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) & (*b*) The information required by the member is placed on the table.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know from Government whether they have tried to ascertain the reason for the abnormal export of cocoanuts through the Quilon and Kundara Railway Stations ?

MR. C. O MADHAVAN ((*Excise Commissioner*) : Probably there is great demand for the same.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know who was responsible for such demand? Was there any private agency who took up orders in the matter ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The merchants exporting cocoanuts.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether there is any reduction in Railway freight ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I have no information.

Introduction of compulsory Primary education.

80. *MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received repeated representations regarding the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to state the nature of the action taken on the same ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is considered that the time is not yet ripe for the introduction of compulsory primary education in the State.

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